## **WOODNEWTON NEWS**

**OCTOBER 2017** 



## **News and Reports**

#### The Parish Council met on 4th September

#### **Public Time**

No public attended. Public time is an opportunity for any residents to raise concerns or issues which affect them with the Council. The Parish Council is here to represent the village as a whole and always welcomes residents to meetings.

#### Planning

There were two planning applications considered. Both were returned to ENC without objection. The Parish Council is consulted on all applications for Woodnewton by ENC. The Parish Council has a limited number of categories of objections which can be made against any application. For example, the size of a development, if the style of development is in keeping with the surroundings etc. In all applications, the Parish Council looks for a balanced approach that ultimately reflect the views of the village. Playground Project

Hopefully by now, you will have all seen the new equipment installed in the playing field, and maybe even tried out some of it. The new equipment extends the age range catered for, and it will broaden the appeal of the playing field to the many visitors who come from far and wide.

#### Village Sign

The Council received a number of designs for a new village sign. These designs are now being appraised for ease of construction and cost before any final decision is taken. The option of renovating the old sign is also being considered.

#### Clean-Up Day

The next **Village Clean-Up** will take place on **Saturday 14th October** (10.00am at the Village Hall). There are many and varied tasks to be completed so if you can volunteer for a couple of hours on the day to prune, clip, paint, clean etc. please come along. Refreshments are provided and it is a great opportunity to meet other residents and contribute to keeping your village an attractive place to live.

We have a large area of brambles and undergrowth to clear, so any help with suitable equipment would be appreciated.

#### Bonfire Site

The Bonfire site will be marked out and open to residents at weekends only from 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00pm Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

#### St Mary's Church

#### **Sunday Services**

1st October	CW Holy Communion	9.30am
8th October	Harvest Festival & Baptism	11.00am
15th October	CW Holy Communion	9.30am
22nd October	BCP Holy Communion	8.30am
29th October	Benefice Service at Wansford	10.00am

Thank you to everybody who gave prizes for the Tombola which was held at the Oundle Farmer's Market last month. The rain kept away (just!); business was brisk and £189.00 profit was made for the toilet project. Grateful thanks to Yvette Halewood for organising this event and to the fund raising committee who helped.

#### OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

St Mary's Parochial Church Council are indebted to the fund raising committee for all their hard work in the production of the Old Time Music Hall. Very many people participated, not only on stage but also with very other important tasks such as the music, lighting and props. The catering team worked very hard and produced a very enjoyable and tasty supper. Thank you to all those people who donated raffle prizes.

We were indebted to Nassington Church & School and also Kimbolton School for the loan of their staging.

Very grateful thanks to everybody. This event was another fund raiser for the toilet project. Monies are still being counted, expenses still to be paid, so the final amount raised will be published in next month's newsletter.

#### Communicare

The annual general meeting held last month produced very lively discussion on a number of topics. Dr Takhar confirmed that unfortunately the arrangement set up to allow patients to attend for breast screening at Peterborough had been withdrawn except for those who were already registered at that location. He promised to take the matter up once again with the relevant authorities to reinstate choice option for all patients.

It was confirmed that provision of patient transport recently transferred to Oundle Voluntary Action was operating satisfactorily and that there is a similar organization covering Cambridgeshire available to patients living within their catchment area – Although the surgery reception no longer deals with bookings they can refer patients to the appropriate office for transport needs.

Audited accounts were circulated and the figures were explained by the Treasurer. Due to the termination of banking facilities at the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society, the account had now been transferred to Barclays Bank.

It was noted that over the past 37 years in excess of £92K had been provided by the group towards funding purchase of equipment for the benefit of patients at both surgery locations.

All existing officials confirmed their agreement to remain in office and were unanimously re-elected for another year. However it was suggested that if any patient expressed an interest in becoming involved with the PPG, they could attend an officials' business meeting to get an idea of content and format. If they felt sufficiently interested to take an active role they could then be co-opted onto the officials' committee – further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Wendy Spencer (01780 782017 – wendy.spencer22@yahoo.com)

Dr Takhar gave news of the current situation regarding the future of healthcare facilities, in particular the plans for a new enlarged surgery and social care accommodation at Kings Cliffe, and an intermediary residential unit at Wansford providing elderly support care. It was suggested that it would be beneficial to hold a special meeting to give a larger number of patients the opportunity to learn more about this exciting project – possibly at the new school venue in Kings Cliffe. Representatives from all the relevant parish councils could also be invited and it is envisaged that the meeting will be arranged for later next month - notices will be published as soon as possible.

The level of DNAs (Did Not Attend) was raised from the floor - it was confirmed that as a result of patients being reminded of appointments by both phone and text, the level had been reduced to an average of 70-90 per month. There are sometimes legitimate reasons for non-attendance, but all patients are asked to make sure they contact the surgery reception if they need to cancel a pre-booked appointment – the practice is constantly striving to keep waiting times for appointments to a minimum but this is not helped by DNAs.

Quarterly general patients' meetings will be held over the next twelve months, the first of which will hopefully be the special meeting planned for end November – other dates for next year will be announced when confirmed.

Over thirty members of the social group enjoyed a short holiday to Northumbria last month and a day trip is also planned to Nottingham with a lunch cruise on the River Trent. The next coffee morning will be at Kings Cliffe Active Sports Hall on Friday 20th October at 10am – for any information relating to social activities please contact Clare Wagstaffe 01780 470437 / <a href="mailto:superfoguk@aol.com">superfoguk@aol.com</a>

#### THE OLD TIME MUSIC HALL







#### The audience replete:

Jerry Thurston, the chairman, waiting with his gavel, the opening chorus announced, the entertainment began. Vesta Victoria, Joyce Grenfell, Marie Lloyd, Vesta Tilley, a Pearly Queen, George Formby and George Leybourne all made an appearance courtesy of our singers.





















We were also entertained with the antics of Albert and the Lion; our village comedian also stopped by and further comedy was provided by a character from a small, small world and before the show ended in the usual Old Time Music Hall fashion, with Down

at the Old Bull and Bush, the Magnificent Seven entertained us with their version of

'If I were not upon this stage'.



## What's On

#### **OCTOBER CLEAN UP DAY**

ALL WELCOME: JOBS SUITABLE TO ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

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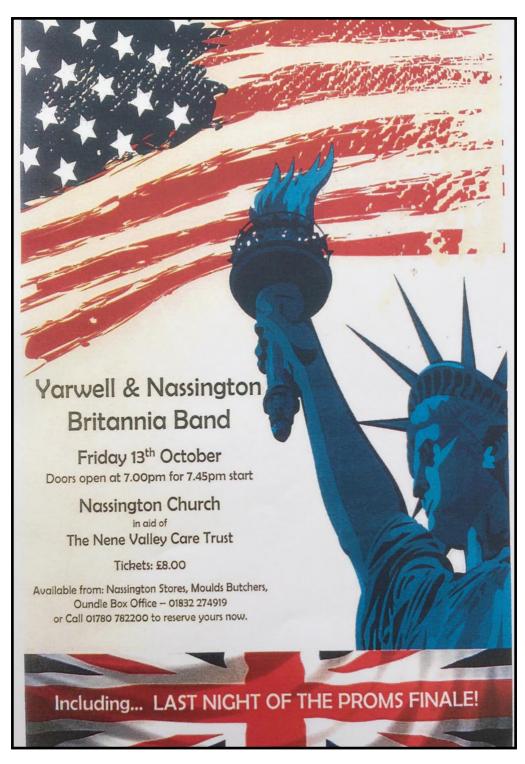
## Gary Says

My next walk will be on Sunday 8th October from Nene Valley Railway Wansford. If you would like to come along please meet at 11.00am outside the station. I do hope you can join me.

Please note the change from the usual day and time.

Thanks





#### Village hall event October 21st 'Fly me to Woodnewton'

The village hall committee have organised a 2-course supper with singer Dave Lea. Dave performs across the whole of the UK and Europe performing Cool Lounge Classics, Big Swing Hits and spine-tingling show stopping ballads.

Dave has a rich background within entertainment, having been a session musician and signed to CBS and EMI record companies. His career started in London's West End and since then Dave has worked alongside many star entertainers in his singing career.

The village hall committee are pleased to have secured him for this evening. So, if you fancy a dining experience full of nostalgic classics please book your ticket with Gary.

# FLY ME TO WOODITEWTOI

October 21st 2017 – 7pm

2 course supper with swing singer

Woodnewton Village Hall

£10 per head

(bring you own drinks)

To book your tickets please ring Gary on 01780 470593



#### Get back in to the beautiful game with Walking Football!

Come and try the fastest growing form of football along with a number of others from Woodnewton at KC Active in Kings Cliffe on Monday afternoons.

With these sessions you get what it says on the tin, football with all the dashing about taken out. The sessions mainly attract men of a certain age however they are open to men and women, all ages and ability. All you need is loose clothing, a pair of trainers and most importantly a sense of humour.

Walking Football is a slower paced version of the game, played on smaller pitches and plenty of breaks ensure participants enjoy a safe and enjoyable return to football.

#### Details as follows:

Every Monday at 3pm Fee £3 per session
Venue KC Active,
Kingsmead, Station Road,
Kings Cliffe, PE8 6YH
For further information
contact lan Cooke:
Email - ian.cooke@KCActive.co.uk
Mobile - 07538262665



## **COLUMNISTS**

#### On the Plot

Many gardeners like to grow rhubarb. It is one of those plants that just grows, whether or not one gives it much attention. However, like so many things, give it a little care and it will grow so much better and reward you with even better crops in the spring and summer.

If you have just left yours pretty well unattended for a few years it will have gradually covered a greater area than it once did and may have started to look a little tired around the centre. Now is a great time to revitalise your plants, but some effort is required. It is best to lift what there is and throw away any really old or decaying parts of the plant. These will usually be found around the centre. From what remains cut sections from the outer part the crown, each containing a portion of the thickened root or rhizome and at least one growing point. These pieces usually end up being about 15cm in di-

ameter.

Try to plant these straight away, but if this is not possible keep them damp until you can do so. Wrapping in damp sacking or cloth will do the trick.

Before you plant, prepare the ground by incorporating a good amount of well rotted manure. After planting the top of the crown should either be showing just above soil level or be buried only just beneath it. Give it a good watering and the job is done. In spring a good mulch will help to keep the plant happy. I also water in dry spells, often with liquid seaweed mixed in. A dressing of fish, blood and bone around this time also encourages good, strong growth. Try to keep the plant weed free, but apart from that little else will need doing and the new plants should produce really well and not really need splitting again for at least five or six years.

It is worth saying that any growth in the first season after splitting should not be removed as the plants need to build their root system. For this reason, it his best to leave a portion of the old crown in situ so that you are not denied rhubarb to eat in that year. As usual, the RHS site had lots of really good information and, if you are interested, here is the link: <a href="https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=544">https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=544</a>

If your rhubarb is outgrowing the space in your garden, maybe you need to consider taking on an allotment! At the moment we have one or two plots that are free, something that hasn't happened too often in recent years.

I wholeheartedly recommend having a plot. It can be hard work at times, but the rewards are considerable. Should you be interested, do get in touch with me, personally or through Jill Sardeson, the Parish Clerk (<a href="woodnewtonpc@gmail.com">woodnewtonpc@gmail.com</a>). I, or any other allotment holder known to you would be very happy to talk over what is involved, I am sure.

Dodge the Flak

#### **ANSWERS**

Bags of gold: Take 1 coin from the first bag, 2 coins from the second and so on until the twentieth = 210 coins. Total weight should be 210  $^{\circ}$  5 = 1050g. Weigh these coins and the difference between the theoretical weight and the actual weight will give you the number of the bag containing the fake coins. If, for example, they weigh 990g, you can deduce that the bag containing the fake coins is the fifteenth (1050-990=60g & 60/4=15).

Brunnhilda's wicks: Light one wick at both ends and the second at one end only. After 30 minutes, the first will be burnt up and the other will have 30 minutes still left to burn. Light the other end of this wick, which will be completely burnt up in 15 minutes, 45 minutes from the start of this enlightening experience.





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**Doctors Surgeries** 

Oundle 01832 275375 Wansford 01780 782342

**Veterinary Surgeries** 

Oundle 01832 273521 Yarwell 01780 783910

Woodnewton Mobile Library 11:45 - 12:10 Orchard Crescent every third

Wednesday of the month.

#### **DIARY DATES**

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## Sat Oct 28th

Gates Open: 6.0pm, Fireworks 7.15pm
Tickets - Advance

Adult £4m Child £3 Family (2 Ad, 2 Ch £11 Tickets - Gate Adult £5m Child £4 Family (2 + 2 £14



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